



Agenda Item Number: 2005-8-6I

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: August 9, 2005

Department: Infrastructure Planning **Staff Contact:** Tim West, Deputy County Manager for Public Works Division
Mary Murnane, Water Resources Program Mgr.

TITLE: Valley Utilities Project Grant Application

ACTION: Motion to approve:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR** -2005 designating the County Manager or designee as the Authorized Signatory.
2. Submittal of Water and Wastewater Grant Applications for \$1,539,700 and \$192,400 to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
3. Financial Resolution **FR** -2005 increasing the budget and accepting \$1,732,100.00 from EPA.

SUMMARY:

In FY 2004 the Congressional Delegation obtained two appropriations of \$1,539,700 and \$192,400, totaling \$1,732,100 for the Valley Utilities Project. This funding will be provided through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA requires that the Board approve an Administrative Resolution identifying a signatory agent for the County. The Administrative Resolution allows grant-related conditions to be administratively processed. In order to obtain this funding, Bernalillo County must submit two grant applications to the EPA. The applications must have the approval of the Board. The Financial Resolution authorizes amendment of the County budget to accept these funds.

The federal grant funding will be programmed for construction of the water and sewer extensions associated with the Valley Utilities Project. These grants will be utilized to construct the Transmission Line for the South Valley Water System Expansion Project. (Map Attached). Total costs under these grants will be \$3,149,274, of which \$1,732,100 (55%) is from EPA funds and \$1,417,174 (45%) is state and local match.

The total construction cost for the "Valley Utilities Project" is estimated to be \$111.6 million in 1998 dollars. The County has sold \$30 million in bonds to provide the required matching funds for this and future appropriations from the EPA. The New Mexico State Legislature approved \$20 million over the next ten years for this purpose as well. The City of Albuquerque pledged funding in the amount of \$21 million for the ten-year project. This commitment was assumed by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA), which has provided \$14 million for the Valley Utilities Project -- \$7 million last fiscal year, and another \$7 million in this current fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Administrative Resolution **AR -2005**
2. Grant Application
3. Financial Resolution **FR -2005**

FISCAL IMPACT

Bernalillo County	\$30,000,000
State of New Mexico	\$20,000,000
ABCWUA	\$21,000,000
Environmental Protection Agency	\$23,410,820
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers	<u>\$ 2,801,000</u>
TOTAL	\$97,211,820

Of the \$111,600,000 required to fund the Valley Utilities Project, 87% of the funding has been identified:

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

The County continues to request Federal funding to complete the Valley Utilities Project. This EPA grant application will request funding to continue this project. I recommend Board approval. TL 7/26/05

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR PUBLIC WORKS

The County requested \$7.1 million of the Congressional delegation for fiscal year 04/05 to help fund the South Valley Water Expansion Sub-Project of the Valley Utilities Project. The federal funding provided will help construct the first phase of that project. I recommend approval. TW 7/20/05

LEGAL

Resolution designating County Manager of designee as authorized signatory per requirements of EPA. Approved as to form only. Deborah S. Seligman, Legal 7/25/05

FINANCE

Budget	Approval of this financial resolution will increase the budget and accept funds from the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$1,731,400 for the Valley Utilities Project Water and Waste Water Systems. Priscilla L. Gutierrez, Budget Analyst Sr., 7/20/05/
Purchasing	No comment required. R. Suazo, Purchasing Administrator 7/14/05
Contracts	No comment required. R. Suazo, Purchasing Administrator 7/1/405
Risk Management	No comment required. David Baca, Risk Management 7/14/05